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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

DANCERS UNDAUNTED: WILDFIRE CAN'T STOP HEART BUTTE

By KIM SKORNOGOSKI, Tribune Staff

HEART BUTTE — A week ago, organizers feared the 16th annual Heart Butte Society Celebration would be canceled because of a wildfire blazing in their backyard and the possibility of evacuating the town.

Once the fire no longer threatened Heart Butte, they worried that dancers would assume the event was postponed and not come.

But Thursday, society member Gerald Cooper's phone started ringing with word that dancers from across Montana, Canada, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, and Wyoming were on their way.

"We've got smoke on both sides of us, but it's not coming down the middle — that's what we're thankful about," he said. "Our lead dancer can carry a plastic shovel if he has to. We're trying to have a little humor about all this."



TRIBUNE PHOTO/ADAM SINGS IN THE TIMBER

A young chicken dancer performs during an intertribal song at the 16th annual Heart Butte Celebration on the Blackfeet Reservation Thursday.

TESTER SETS TOWN HALL ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE

By Tribune Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., will conduct a "virtual town hall" meeting Wednesday for state tribal leaders and reporters unable to attend his Senate Indian Affairs Committee field hearing in Crow Agency later in the day.

Tester will be available by phone to address his field hearing, to discuss plans to improve health care in Indian Country and to field questions about Indian health care. Wednesday's field hearing will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Crow Tribal Multi-Purpose Building in Crow Agency.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., the chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, also will attend the hearing. It is free and open to the public.

Those interested in listening in on the 30-minute meeting are asked to call toll free 866-909-2663 at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The access number for the call is 7585223.

GRANTS TO HELP LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS PURCHASE BOOKS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The NEA Foundation will make awards to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries. Maximum Award:

\$1000. Eligibility: practicing preK-12 school librarians, teachers, or education support professionals in a U.S. public school in which at least 70 percent of the students are eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program. Deadline: November 12, 2007.

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WSJ: DISPARATE JUSTICE FOR NATIVE AMERICANS MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007

By Indianz.com Staff

The Wall Street Journal runs front-page story on the disparate punishments that face Native Americans who are convicted of crimes on reservations.

On the Fort Belknap Reservation in Montana, Bobbi Jo Wing and her husband were convicted of arson. The fire caused the death of Wing's 15-year-old cousin, leading to an automatic felony murder charge in federal court and a life sentence without the possibility of parole. Had the incident occurred off the reservation, the charge would not have been as severe. And Wing and her husband could have been out in as little as 2.5 years if they were serving in the state system.

PROJECT TEACHES NATIVE CULTURE

By JODI RAVE, The Missoulian, 8/11/07

Linda Briggeman is among a handful of elementary teachers in the United States participating in a National Science Foundation program aimed at integrating science with an understanding of Native people.

The Big Sky Science Partnership is helping Briggeman learn the finer points of college-level geology this year. She'll tackle astronomy and physics over the next two years, during the course of two-week summer sessions and quarterly meetings for which she will receive college credit.

In turn, she will take her new skills to the grade-school classroom where she will help Native students relate to geologic formations in their own backyards or tribal histories.

"It makes teachers aware of the importance of the whole student, not just the academic student," said Briggeman, a fourth-grade teacher at DeSmet Elementary in Missoula. She joined more than 50 people, including teachers, tribal community members and college students on the Flathead Reservation this past week for a culture camp.

JOB OPENING IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:

COMPUTER OPERATOR, POSITION #61166201, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$19,965/year. This position manages the printing process from files generated on the enterprise server (mainframe) through Unix and NT servers.

Application deadline: Monday, August 27, 2007 at 5 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at

http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=241

ATTORNEY SPECIALIST, POSITION #61106201, State of Montana, Director's Office, Helena. Salary \$62,484 to \$75,000 DOQ. This position is one of the primary attorneys for the Department of Administration whose legal work focuses on Teachers' Retirement and Human Resource law. Application deadline: 5:00 P.M., Monday, August 27, 2007. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at

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Keynote Speaker

Clayton Small, PhD, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, has experience as an elementary, middle, and high school principal, a university faculty member and administrator, as a consultant for the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs, and as a leader in the American Indian wellness movement. Dr. Small's interactive session will blend various themes; substance abuse, violence, depression, trauma and suicide. The focus is to identify sources of strength that enable breaking these unhealthy life cycles and living a lifestyle that brings together mind, body, and spirit. His programs offer leadership and hope for American Indian/Alaska Native people.

Also Featuring

Sarah LeDeau Schmasow, a Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree, is the Project Program Coordinator for NCI/CIS, MT State Comprehensive Cancer Control providing networking, education, and project development for Montana Reservations/Urban Health organizations. Ms. Schmasow has a BS in elementary Education/Native American Studies from the University of Great Falls, MT. She has been a Public Health Educator for the Indian Health Service and is receiving national recognition from "Native Life" magazine through a story about her use of bead work to accomplish delivery of culturally meaningful health.

Michelle Beebe FNP is a Family Nurse Practitioner and a former Indian Health Service employee. She will address the health disparities among Native American women and discuss a small survey done among women on the Fort Peck Reservation. Her efforts are raising awareness of Native American women's health, educating about the disparities that exist and providing possible solutions.

Charlotte Kelley, BSN is an enrolled member of the Fort Belknap Assiniboine Tribe. She has extensive nursing experience in Montana and is the American Indian Screening Coordinator with the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program. She, along with members of the Montana American Indian Women's Health Coalition will present a panel discussion of the coalition's support and promotion of breast and cervical screening of American Indian women to reduce the incidence of breast and cervical cancer.

Elizabeth "Liz" Johnson, RN, CNP is a women's healthcare nurse practitioner and is currently the Nurse Practitioner consultant for the State of Montana Family Planning Program. She will discuss cervical cancer and Human Papillomavirus; the history, contributing factors and recommendations for vaccination.

Kim Smith, BSN is a member of the Blackfeet Tribe of Montana. After receiving her education she worked in various nursing positions. Her current role is Outreach for the Sletten Cancer Institute located in Great Falls, MT. Ms. Smith has worked extensively in the American Indian health field.



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Indian Women by promoting good
health and building a bridge of
knowledge between American Indians
and their health care providers.*

Exhibitors

Little Shell Chippewa, Yellowstone AIDS Project,
Montana Marrow Program, Women's & Men's
Health/MT DPHHS, MT KIDS Count, MSU-Billings,
Shodair Children's Hospital, DPHHS Office on Aging,
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8am-5pm

7:30am ~ Registration

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Mansfield Health Education Center
2900 12th Ave N • Billings, Montana

Who Should Attend...

American Indian Women who want to improve their
health, health educators, Community Health
Representatives, outreach workers, health program
staff, community members and others interested in
improving health for American Indian people.

Conference Location

The conference will be held in the Mansfield Health
Education Center located on the St. Vincent Healthcare
campus, 2900 12th Ave N. Use south entrance,
free parking is available.

Accommodations

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Hilltop Inn
on the St. Vincent Healthcare campus.

Rate: \$53 + tax single or double.

Ask to be included in the "Capturing *the* Vision
of Wellness" block, available
until September 20, 2007. 1.800.878.9282.

Registration Fee \$35

Includes lunch, health screenings and mini-massage.

Communications Release

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Registration deadline is
Friday, September 28, 2007.

\$35 per person (includes lunch)

To register additional people, please make
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CAPTURING THE VISION OF WELLNESS
AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE
October 5, 2007

CONFERENCE AGENDA

		2:20 – 2:40 pm	Break/ <i>View Exhibits</i>
7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration/View Exhibits	2:40 – 3:20 pm	CERVICAL CANCER: IS IT ON IT'S WAY OUT? Elizabeth "Liz" Johnson, BSN
8:00 – 8:05 am	Opening Prayer- Dee Fallsdown Geiger Guest of Honor Master of Ceremonies, Theda New Breast	3:20 – 4:15 pm	OPENING DOORS FOR INDIAN WOMEN'S HEALTH - PANEL DISCUSSION Charlotte Kelley & MAIWHC member panel
8:05 – 8:15 am	Welcome – Dave Irion, Executive Director St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation	4:15 – 4:30	Complete Participant Evaluations <i>View Exhibits & Health Screenings</i> Closing Prayer Door Prize Drawing (names from evaluation entries)
8:15 - 9:15 am	A WELLNESS JOURNEY: INTERACTIVE SHARING Clayton Small Sr., Ph.D. Moderator		
9:15 - 10:05 am	NATIVE WOMEN AND DISPARATE HEALTH CARE: ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROBLEM AND MOVING TOWARDS PARITY Michele Beebe, F.N.P.		
10:05 – 10:25 am	Break/ <i>View Exhibit</i>		
10:25 – 11:30am	HOLISTIC HEALTH IS ABOUT MIND, BODY, SPIRIT Clayton Small, Sr. Ph.D.		
11:30 – 12:30	LUNCH/ <i>View Exhibits</i> STEPHANIE STREED, RN		
12:30 – 1:20 pm	ELIMINATING BARRIERS LEADING TO DISPARITIES EFFECTING OUR HEALTHCARE Kim R. Smith, RN, BSN		
1:20 – 2:20 pm	HOLISTIC HEALTH IS ABOUT MIND, BODY, SPIRIT - Interactive Clayton Small, Sr. Ph.D.		

CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

- Little Shell Chippewa
- Yellowstone AIDS Project
- Montana Marrow Program
- Women's & Men's Health/MT DPHHS
 - MT KIDS Count
 - MSU Billings
- Shodair Children's Hospital
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